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§18.706 Judge appointed experts.

- (a) Appointment. The judge may on the judge's own motion or on the motion of any party enter an order to show cause why expert witnesses should not be appointed, and may request the parties to submit nominations. The judge may appoint any expert witnesses agreed upon by the parties, and may appoint expert witnesses of the judge's own selection. An expert witness shall not be appointed by the judge unless the witness consents to act. A witness so appointed shall be informed of the witness' duties by the judge in writing, a copy of which shall be filed with the clerk, or at a conference in which the parties shall have an opportunity to participate. A witness so appointed shall advise the parties of the witness' findings, if any; the witness' deposition may be taken by any party; and the witness may be called to testify by the judge or any party. The witness shall be subject to cross-examination by each party, including a party calling the witness.
- (b) Compensation. Expert witnesses so appointed are entitled to reasonable compensation in whatever sum the judge may allow. The compensation thus fixed is payable from funds which may be provided by law in hearings involving just compensation under the fifth amendment. In other hearings the compensation shall be paid by the parties in such proportion and at such time as the judge directs, and thereafter charged in like manner as other costs.
- (c) Parties' experts of own selection. Nothing in this rule limits the parties in calling expert witnesses of their own selection.

HEARSAY

§ 18.801 Definitions.

- (a) Statement. A statement is (1) an oral or written assertion, or (2) nonverbal conduct of a person, if it is intended by the person as an assertion.
- (b) Declarant. A declarant is a person who makes a statement.
- (c) Hearsay. Hearsay is a statement, other than one made by the declarant while testifying at the hearing, offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted.

- (d) Statements which are not hearsay. A statement is not hearsay if:
- (1) Prior statement by witness. The declarant testifies at the hearing and is subject to cross-examination concerning the statement, and the statement is—
- (i) Inconsistent with the declarant's testimony, or
- (ii) Consistent with the declarant's testimony and is offered to rebut an express or implied charge against the declarant of recent fabrication or improper influence or motive, or
- (iii) One of identification of a person made after perceiving the person; or
- (2) Admission by party-opponent. The statement is offered against a party and is—
- (i) The party's own statement in either an individual or a representative capacity, or
- (ii) A statement of which the party has manifested an adoption or belief in its truth, or
- (iii) A statement by a person authorized by the party to make a statement concerning the subject, or
- (iv) A statement by the party's agent or servant concerning a matter within the scope of the agency or employment, made during the existence of the relationship, or
- (v) A statement by a co-conspirator of a party during the course and in furtherance of the conspiracy.

§ 18.802 Hearsay rule.

Hearsay is not admissible except as provided by these rules, or by rules or regulations of the administrative agency prescribed pursuant to statutory authority, or pursuant to executive order, or by Act of Congress.

§ 18.803 Hearsay exceptions; availability of declarant immaterial.

- (a) The following are not excluded by the hearsay rule, even though the declarant is available as a witness:
- (1) Present sense impression. A statement describing or explaining an event or condition made while the declarant was perceiving the event or condition, or immediately thereafter.
- (2) Excited utterance. A statement relating to a startling event or condition made while the declarant was under